

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. Jan 19
9:30am - Joseph Locke by Miriam Locke

Sun. Jan 26
8:00am - Madeleine Thomas by the Counts & Goodwin Family
9:30am - Joseph Locke by Miriam Locke

2025 dates are now available to have Masses said for loved ones and special intentions. Please arrange with the church office.

January Lectors

8:00am Mass

January 5 - Myrna Draper
January 12 - Patricia Howling
January 26 - Luke Dyer

9:30am Mass

January 5 - Carol Cole
January 12 - Holy Name
January 19 - Martin Luther King Jr. Mass
January 26 - Ndidi Nwabugwu

Readings for the Week of January 19, 2025

Sun., Jan 19 - Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Mon., Jan 20 - Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
Tue., Jan 21 - Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
Wed., Jan 22 - Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
Thur., Jan 23 - Heb 7:25-8:6/Mk 3:7-12
Fri., Jan 24 - Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
Sat., Jan 25 - Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
Sun., Jan 26 - Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

2025 Church Envelopes

2025 Church Envelopes are available in the Gathering .Please be sure to pick yours up.

There will be a 2nd Collection next Sunday, January 26th for Catholic Relief Services

Special Intentions Prayer for Our Parish

- Our Deceased Members
Our 1st Responders,
Health Care Workers
Our Military Personnel
All those in need of our prayers especially our sick & shut-ins : Lula Bell, Robert Brown, Kathryn Chatmon, Shirley Hargro, Robert Harper, Susan Hutchins, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Jewel Marshall, Antionette (Tonie) Newton, Vanessa Newton, Louise Nolley, Mary Preston, Benjamin Siegel, Helen Washington, & Josephine Williams.

The Diocese of Buffalo Catholic Schools have open positions available in our Western New York's Catholic Elementary Schools. A package showing the opportunities available is located in the Gathering Space.

Together, we teach, serve, and evangelize so our students, their families, and our dedicated team grow in faith, knowledge, and love.

To apply: visit:

- Visit: www.buffalodiocese.org/jobs-opportunities
Or email resume to Nancy DiBernardino at ndiberadino@buffalodiocese.org

Road to Renewal Update

Two Fridays ago, we had our Family 21-23 Night of Caroling. We gathered at Holy Cross Church and sang our hearts out during some of the last moments of our Christmas Season. Thank you to all who participated, raised their voices, and made it a wonderful, easy, and really fun "coming together"! To add an even further sweetness to the night, there were enough cookies and treats for an army! We closed our song-fest with lights out and candles lit as all voices prayerfully caroled and hummed Silent Night.... It certainly was a Holy Night.... and the silence of the night surrounded the heart of God beating and singing in us all!

Fr. Bob

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 19, 2025
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
John 2:1-12

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, blah.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just blah.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one" (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), "But you have kept the good wine until now." This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste that amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.

- Father John Muir

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Requests forms for 2024 End of the Year Tax Information can be found in the Gathering Space.

Parish Financial Information *Weekly Totals Include E-Giving			
January 2025			
	Regular Collection	Martin's Future	Diocese Collection
Jan. 5	\$3,092.00	\$2,165.00	\$30.00
Jan 12	\$2,608.00	\$640.00	\$0.00
Jan 19	\$	\$	\$
Jan 26	\$	\$	\$
Total Income	\$5,700.00	\$2,805.00	\$30.00

Scripture Studies - Our fall introduction class is complete and participants responded to a survey of different possible future topics, including the best day and time. This is the outcome of that survey. Prophets - in-person beginning January 27, 6:30 PM at Blessed Trinity. Zoom options will be available in the winter months. Bibles are available for anyone who needs one. You might want to read the first chapter of Isaiah before class. Notes are provided. It is suggested that you bring a three ring binder.

Confirmation 2025: If you are in at least the 9th grade (including adults) and would like to be Confirmed next fall, now is the time to talk to us! Those who are not attending a Catholic High School and did not participate in the recently ended Introduction to Sacred Scripture Class, please contact Pat Dyer at Blessed Trinity as soon as possible to discuss catching up.

First Communion classes began January 16, 6 PM at Blessed Trinity in the school building. Please contact your parish office if you have not yet registered. No new students will be admitted after January 23.

Our next **Baptism Class** for parents of children under age 7 will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 6:30 PM at St. Martin de Porres. Please register at your parish office

If you missed the holiday presentation from the Alzheimer's Association in November, you won't want to miss the Resources for Aging with Memory Loss: **Dementia Community Forum** starting 12:30 - 2:30 PM on February 8 at St. Martin de Porres. Lunch is included for all those who pre-register. See the registration information in the flier. This project is sponsored by the Eastside Community Partnership of which Family 21 is a member.

Bonus Suds 'N Subs lecture! Dr. Althea Porter will present *Black Catholic History* on Monday, February 3 at 6:30 PM in St. Charles Hall (school building behind the church.) A flier is available.

St. Lawrence Vineyard Ministries, Inc. thanks all of you for your support and invites the parishioners of Family 21 to join us for an **Open House** at our new food pantry on Sunday, February 2, 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM at 20557 Genesee St. (the Schiller Park Senior Center.) Use the front entrance.

The Booster Club is Starting up in February 2025!!!!
To join see a Booster Club Captain or Helen Smith-Porter

Family 21 Events Calendar

Sat., Jan 25-Jr. Knights, Get-together @ St. Martin de Porres @ 1pm

Sat., Feb 8-Eastside Partnership Workshop /w Alzheimer's Association - Resources for Aging with Memory Loss: **Dementia Community Forum** @ St. Martin de Porres 12:30-2:30pm

Sun., Mar. 2-Women's Guild - "Fat Tuesday" @ St. Martin de Porres after 8am & 9:30 Mass.

Wed., Mar. 5-Ash Wednesday. (more info to follow)

Fri., Mar. 7-Stations of the Cross-St. Martin de Porres @ 7pm

Mon., Mar. 10-Lenten Journey Mass-St. Martin de Porres @ 7pm

Fri. Mar. 14-Stations of the Cross-Ss. Columba-Brigid @ 7pm

Mon., Mar. 17-Lenten Journey Mass-Blessed Trinity @7pm.

Fri., Mar 21-Stations of the Cross-Blessed Trinity @7pm

Mon., Mar. 24-Lenten Journey Mass-Ss. Columbia-Brigid @ 7pm

Fri., Mar. 28-Stations of the Cross-St. Martin de Porres @7pm.

Mon. Mar. 31-Lenten Journey Mass-Blessed Trinity @ 7pm

Fri., April 4-LIVING STATIONS-Ss. Columbia-Brigid @ 7pm

Mon., April 7-1st Reconciliation & Penance Service-St. Martin de Porres @7pm

Fri., April 11-Tennebrae Service-Blessed Trinity @7pm

Holy Week

Thur., April 17-Holy Thursday-Ss. Columbia-Brigid (Bi-Lingual Mass) @ 7pm.

Fri., April 18-Good Friday- St. Martin de Porres-3pm, Ss. Columbia-Brigid-7pm (Bi-Lingual)

Sat., April 19-Holy Saturday-Blessed Trinity @7pm

Sun., April 20-Easter Sunday-Regular Masses & Times

Sun., May 4 - Women's Guild celebrates "Wear White-Women's Day" 8am & 9:30am Mass

Sat., Aug 2 - Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner Sale